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## Collectors' Notices.

Mr. V. DAWSON will collect York County during the month of August and September.

Mr. C. A. ARTHUR will collect subscribers in Oxford County during August and September.

## Asiatic Cholera.

This dreaded epidemic, whose recent march westward through Russia and Germany, has been watched with anxiety, has now suddenly been anticipated, appeared on our shores. A woman was allowed to land in New York from a German steamer then quarantined at that port. She proceeded to Woodbridge, N. J., where she had daughter, and on the following day this daughter died of Asiatic cholera. The immigrant herself and another relative have also been attacked by the disease in a mild form, but thus far there has been only one death. Energetic measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and the probability is that it will be mostly confined to a few cases in the vicinity where it has first appeared.

Asiatic cholera is entirely distinct from cholera morbus and cholera infantum, neither of which is so fatal. It is supposed to have originated in India, though whether and how are enigmas. It has long been known to exist in an endemic form in the low, marshy country of the delta of the Ganges. The great epidemic of the early part of this century first made its appearance in that region, one hundred miles north of Calcutta, in 1817. In August of that year it broke out in Calcutta, and in a few years spread over India, north and south. In the south it destroyed 150,000 persons in Bombay, and thence crossed the Indian Ocean to Madagascar and Africa. In the east it spread over China and the Malay Peninsula and the Philippines. In the north and west it followed the line of travel and courses of the rivers to Persia, Arabia and Asia Minor. In 1823 it devastated Central Asia, and thence proceeded to Russia, reaching Moscow in 1830. The following year it prevailed through Central Europe, reaching England. The first appearance of the scourge in America was at Quebec, in June 1832. The very same month it broke out in New York, and during that year spread over large parts of the country, as far as New Orleans. It visited us again in 1843, but since that time Asiatic cholera has not prevailed extensively in this country, although it has occurred in small epidemics.

At various more recent times this dreadful disease has invaded Europe. In 1865 it came up the Red Sea to Alexandria, and thence was distributed by ships to all parts of the civilized world. The epidemic which now threatens us is supposed to have advanced into Russia from Central Asia, where the Russian army, after other cholera epidemics, was sent to Russia in 1865. From Russia it has within a few months spread into Germany, in some parts of which it has been very severe, and from German ports it has already crossed the seas to England and America. It has also recently made its appearance in Constantinople, where crowded and filthy conditions tend to anticipate great ravages there.

The nature and primary cause of Asiatic cholera are unknown. It has been thought to be an inflammation and irritation of the digestive organs, or a disease of the spinal and sympathetic systems of nerves, or a paralysis of the organs of circulation and intestines, or a disease of the blood itself, caused by miasmatic influences. But upon one of these and many other theories advanced by physicians agree. Nor even have they settled upon any mode of treatment. The treatment therefore employed does not appear to have been effective; for the rate of mortality among those patients treated appears to have been about as great as among those who were left to the course of unaided nature.

But there are ascertained predisposing causes, the prevalence and mortality of the disease. Among these may be mentioned deficient ventilation and drainage, the presence of putrescent substances, filthy condition of the person, and impatience. Wherever typhus fever has had its haunts, there may cholera be expected to be virulent. It is the most fatal in the neighborhood of marshes and sluggish rivers. In London, carefully prepared statistics show that by no means a small number of the various districts of the city in exact ratio to the height above the Thames. Everywhere it has done its worst work in crowded towns, as to 5 to 1. It is difficult to perceive how improvement can go any farther in that direction, and we trust the Major will reap the reward of his justice and integrity.

A general regret is felt that the city is to lose the services of Mr. W. H. Lambert, the accomplished and successful principal of our High School. It is announced that he has accepted an invitation to take charge of the Lewiston High School, vacating his position here at the close of the present term. The loss we learn has resigned the position so ably and satisfactorily filled by him for the past four years. Mr. Cochrane will continue his residence in Maine, where we have no doubt, his superior professional acquirements and varied abilities will ensure for him abundant success in whatever course he may choose to engage.

Gov. Perham and wife, accompanied by Mr. Thomas, the State Commissioner of Emigration, left last week for a visit to the colony of New Sweden. The affairs of the colony will receive official inspection by the Governor and Commissioner. This is the first visit of the Governor to New Sweden, and will doubtless be regarded by the colonists as an event of rare interest and importance.

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The Kennebec Universalist Association held its annual meeting in Readfield on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13th and 14th. All the ministers connected with the association were present. The meetings were largely attended, and the occasion was one of much spiritual and social enjoyment.

The sale by auction of the Chestnut Hill Stock Farm advertised in our issue of Sept. 9, and 10, will commence at 10 o'clock A. M. Oct. 4th on the premises at Southborough, Mass.

## THE MAINE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The session of the Maine Board of Agriculture, which took place at Lincoln last week, was quite as well attended as could have been expected, considering the very busy season, and the somewhat remote place at which it was held. Nearly all the members were present, and there was a fair local attendance with a representation of some of the most prominent farmers of the State.

The address of welcome was made by W. R. Hersey, Esq., one of the leading farmers of that section, and whose farm, about four miles from the village of Lincoln, was visited by some of the members. He gave an account of the settlement, growth and present condition of the town and surrounding section, closing with a few cordial words of welcome to the Board. He was followed by Mr. J. F. Robinson in a similar speech, which responses were offered by D. H. Thing, Esq., President of the Board, and A. L. Simpson, Esq., the member from Penobscot.

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## THE FAIR AT PORTLAND. The Portland Press

of Tuesday morning speaks of the prospects of the Combination Fair, which opened in that city on that day, as being very bright, and that the efforts of the different organizations have devoted themselves very industriously to their several duties, and all Monday the Secretaries and Superintendents of the different departments were very busy recording entries and assigning space to exhibitors. At 6 o'clock the entire of the City Hall numbered about 300, embracing almost every variety of carriage and harness, pictures and paintings, musical instruments, fruit, flowers, agricultural tools, manufactures in leather, iron and wood, sewing machines and soap; in fact, almost every thing that goes to make up a successful exhibition, and the hall presented a very promising sight, even at that early hour. The arrangements at the Park for the accommodation of neat stock and horses are eminently satisfactory. The number of sheds and stalls has been increased, and those standing at the opening of the season, have been thoroughly repaired and cleaned. By the liberality of the Water Company a plentiful supply of Seago has been provided, and the forage master has looked well after the food rations for the animals. The track is in splendid condition, and Mr. Heald, the proprietor of the place, and his assistants have been indefatigable in their efforts for success. In the classes containing stock and fowls, pictures and paintings have been made, and some of the best blooded animals in Maine are on the ground; among them the stallions Andromeda, Scythian, Black Hawk, Major Knox, Gilbert Knox and Tom Patchen. Over forty trotting horses are now at the Park, and several more are looked for this morning.

We hope, and have no doubt, if the weather will prove favorable, that the expectations of the managers will be rewarded with complete success. The fair opened on Tuesday under very unfavorable circumstances, the lowering skies and chilly winds dampening the enthusiasm of the people who usually patronize out-door shows. The Press says the appearance of the grounds was not cheering by any means. The attendance was very small, and the little amount of neat stock, and very few horses, and very few fowls, were taken to the gate. The show of neat stock, and very few horses, and very few fowls, were taken to the gate. The show of neat stock, and very few horses, and very few fowls, were taken to the gate.

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## Editor's Table.

MAGAZINE NOTES. The October magazines—a goodly pile—are upon our table, and having been through them, pardon the expression, we proceed to note some of their more important articles.

Perhaps we cannot better begin than with *Harpers* (New York: Harper & Bros.), ever popular and ever attractive. It is, in fact, the magazine for the masses, and has become well established in popular favor. For choice illustrations, articles containing important general information, pretty stories, and special editorial department of rare merit, it has no equal. The October number has fifteen articles, and one hundred and forty-eight illustrations. Among the illustrated papers is its Origin, "containing nearly one hundred separate illustrations. Nasby contributes a poem, entitled "Hannah Jane." Other illustrated papers are: "The New York Post Office," "Yale College Expedition of 1870," "Reindeer," "The Snow Shoe Indian," "Reindeer," "The Conquest of Ireland," is a valuable historical article, and the essay charts generally about Sir Walter and his century. \$4.00 per year—*Scribner's Monthly*, (New York: C. Scribner & Co.) is marked somewhat upon the general plan of *Harpers*, giving considerable prominence to illustrated papers, and having very nearly the same range of editorial departments.

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## ANNUAL UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.

The Annual Conference of the Unitarian Church in Maine was held at Bangor last week, commencing on Tuesday morning, and continuing through Wednesday and Thursday. Many of the societies of the denomination were represented, and the attendance upon the meetings, and the interest manifested in the services was of a gratifying character.

On Tuesday evening a sermon was preached by Prof. C. C. Everett of Harvard Divinity School. Devotional services were held on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock the formal sessions of the Conference commenced. Hon. F. M. Sabine, Bangor, President of the Conference, offered a few words of welcome and congratulation. A committee on nomination of officers was appointed who reported for President, Hon. F. M. Sabine of Bangor; Vice President, Rev. T. Nichols of Portland; Recording Secretary, Rev. C. V. Hall of Bangor; and Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C







